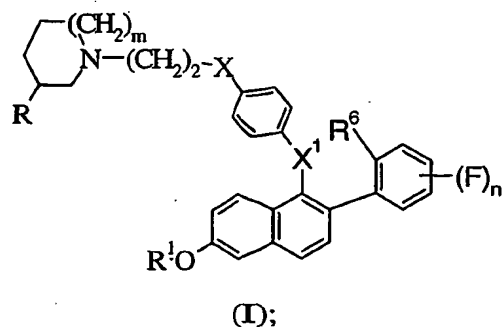


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## WE CLAIM:

1. A compound of formula I:



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wherein:

$m$  is 0, 1 or 2;

$n$  is 1, 2, 3 or 4 ;

$R$  is H or methyl provided that if  $m$  is 1 or 2, then  $R$  must be H and that if  $m$  is 0,

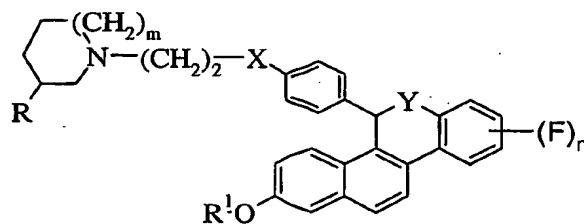
10 then  $R$  must be methyl;

$R^1$  is H,  $SO_2(n-C_4-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$  or  $COR^2$ ;

$X$  is O or  $NR^3$ ;

$X^1$  is O,  $CH_2$  or  $C=O$ ;

$R^6$  is H or F or  $R^6$  combines with  $X^1$  to form a moiety of the formula:



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wherein  $Y$  is O, S, SO or  $NR^4$ ;

$R^2$  is  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl;  $C_1-C_6$  alkoxy;  $NR^5R^{5a}$ ; phenoxy; or phenyl optionally substituted with halo;

$R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently H or  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl; and

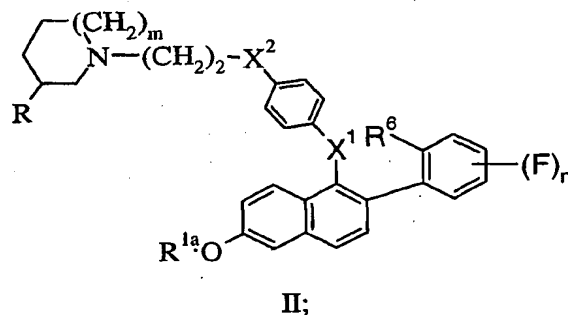
20  $R^5$  and  $R^{5a}$  are independently H,  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl or phenyl; or a pharmaceutical acid addition salt thereof.

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2. The compound of claim 1 wherein m is 1 or 2.
3. The compound of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein  $R^1$  is H or  $COR^2$  and  $R^2$  is  
5  $C_1-C_4$  alkyl,  $NHCH_3$  or phenyl.
4. The compound of any one of claims 1-3 wherein  $R^1$  is H.
5. The compound of any one of claims 1-4 wherein X is O.  
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6. The compound of any one of claims 1-5 wherein  $X^1$  is O or  $CH_2$  and Y is  
O or S.
7. The compound of any one of claims 1-6 wherein m is 1,  $R^6$  is H or F; and  
15  $X^1$  is O.
8. The compound of any one of claims 1-6 wherein m is 1,  $R^6$  combines with  
 $X^1$  and Y is O.
9. The compound of any one of claims 1-6 wherein m is 1,  $R^6$  combines with  
20  $X^1$  and Y is S.
10. The compound of any one of claims 1-9 wherein the total number of  
fluorine atoms at n and R is 1, 2 or 3.
- 25 11. The compound of any one of claims 1-10 wherein the total number of  
fluorine atoms at n and R is 1 or 2.

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12. The compound of any one of claims 1-11 wherein  $R^6$  is H or combines with  $X^1$ , n is 2 and the corresponding fluoro moieties are at the 3- and 5-positions.
- 5 13. The compound of any one of claims 1-11 wherein  $R^6$  is H or combines with  $X^1$ , n is 1 and the corresponding fluoro moiety is at the 4-position.
14. The hydrochloride salt of a compound of any one of claims 1-13.
- 10 15. A method for treating one or more vasomotor symptoms comprising administering to a woman in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-14.
- 15 16. A compound of any one of claims 1-14 for use in treating one or more vasomotor symptoms.
17. The method of claim 15 or the compound of claim 16 wherein one symptom is treated and that symptom is hot flash.
- 20 18. A compound of formula II:



wherein:

- m is 0, 1 or 2;
- 25 n is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

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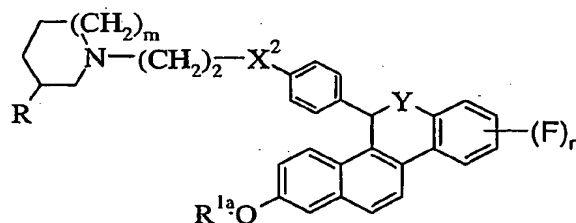
R is H or methyl provided that if m is 1 or 2, then R must be H and that if m is 0, then R must be methyl;

R<sup>1a</sup> is H, SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>(n-C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl), COR<sup>2</sup>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or benzyl;

X<sup>1</sup> is O, CH<sub>2</sub> or C=O;

5 X<sup>2</sup> is O or NR<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>6</sup> is H or F or R<sup>6</sup> combines with X<sup>1</sup> to form a moiety of the formula:



wherein Y is O, S, SO or NR<sup>4</sup>;

10 R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy; NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>5a</sup>; phenoxy; or phenyl optionally substituted with halo;

R<sup>4</sup> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>5a</sup> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or phenyl;

15 R<sup>7</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl); provided that if R<sup>1a</sup> is H, SO<sub>2</sub>(n-C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl) or COR<sup>2</sup>, then X<sup>2</sup> is NR<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> is CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl); or an acid addition salt thereof.

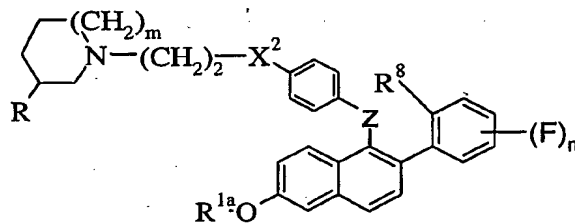
19. The compound of claim 18 wherein m is 1 or 2 and R<sup>1a</sup> is SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, benzyl or methyl.

20. The compound of claim 18 or claim 19 wherein X<sup>2</sup> is O.

21. The compound of any one of claims 18-20 wherein X<sup>1</sup> is O or CH<sub>2</sub> and Y is O or S.

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22. The compound of any one of claims 18-21 wherein  $m$  is 1,  $R^6$  is H or F and  $X^1$  is O.
23. The compound of any one of claims 18-21 wherein  $m$  is 1,  $R^6$  combines with  $X^1$  and Y is O.
24. The compound of any one of claims 18-21 wherein  $m$  is 1,  $R^6$  combines with  $X^1$  and Y is S.
25. The compound of any one of claims 18-24 wherein the total number of fluorine atoms at  $n$  and R is 1, 2 or 3.
26. The compound of any one of claims 18-25 wherein the total number of fluorine atoms at  $n$  and R is 1 or 2.
27. The compound of any one of claims 18-26 wherein  $R^6$  is H or combines with  $X^1$ ,  $n$  is 2 and the corresponding fluoro moieties are at the 3- and 5-positions.
28. The compound of any one of claims 18-26 wherein  $R^6$  is H or combines with  $X^1$ ,  $n$  is 1 and the corresponding fluoro moiety is at the 4-position.
29. A compound of formula III:



III;

wherein:

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m is 0, 1 or 2;

n is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R is H or methyl provided that if m is 1 or 2, then R must be H and that if m is 0, then R must be methyl;

5 R<sup>1a</sup> is H, SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>(n-C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl), COR<sup>2</sup>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or benzyl;

R<sup>8</sup> is OH, O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl), S(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl) or NR<sup>4</sup>(CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl))

X<sup>2</sup> is O or NR<sup>7</sup>;

Z is C=O or CHOH;

10 R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy; NR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>5a</sup>; phenoxy; or phenyl optionally substituted with halo;

R<sup>4</sup> is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>5a</sup> are independently H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or phenyl; and

R<sup>7</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl); or an acid addition salt thereof.

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30. The compound of claim 29 wherein m is 1 or 2 and R<sup>1a</sup> is H, SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, benzyl or methyl.

31. The compound of claim 29 or claim 30 wherein X<sup>2</sup> is O and m is 1.

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32. The compound of any one of claims 29-31 wherein n is 1, 2 or 3.

33. The compound of any one of claims 29-32 wherein n is 1 or 2.

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34. The compound of any one of claims 29-33 wherein n is 2 and the corresponding fluoro moieties are at the 3- and 5-positions.

35. The compound of any one of claims 29-33 wherein n is 1 and the corresponding fluoro moiety is at the 4-position.

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36. The compound of any one of claims 29-35 wherein  $R^8$  is OH,  $O(CH_3)$ ,  $OCH(CH_3)_2$ ,  $S(CH_3)$  or  $NR^4(CO_2(t\text{-butyl}))$  and  $R^4$  is H or methyl.